

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James M. Heslin on 11/24/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 9, line 1, "in claim 3" has been changed to -- in claim 1--.

In claim 48, line 5 the term "and" has been changed to -- said catheter body further includes a radially expansive element circumferentially surrounding the catheter body; and --. In line 6, the term "a dissection means disposed near the distal end of the catheter body" has been changed to --a dissection means including a blade having a continuous cutting edge positioned radially outwardly from the radially expansive element--. In lines 8-9 the term "by expanding a blade which continuously circumscribes the catheter body." has been changed to --by expanding said blade. --

In claim 54, lines 3-5, the term "and a dissection means disposed near its distal end for dissecting the inner layer to expose a portion of the outer layer" has been changed to -- a catheter body, and a dissection means comprising a radially expansive

element circumferentially surrounding the catheter body and a cutting surface extending circumferentially about the radially expansive element, the cutting surface having a continuous cutting edge positioned radially outwardly from the radially expansive element for dissecting an inner layer of the body lumen or body cavity to expose a portion of an outer layer of the body lumen or body cavity --.

In claim 56, lines 3-4 the term "a distal end and a dissection tool disposed near the distal end adapted to expose a portion of the adventitial layer" has been changed to --a distal end, a catheter body, and a dissection tool comprising a radially expansive element circumferentially surrounding the catheter body and a cutting surface extending circumferentially about the radially expansive element, the cutting surface having a continuous cutting edge positioned radially outwardly from the radially expansive element adapted to expose a portion of an adventitial layer --.

Claim 57 has been cancelled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justine R. Yu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4835. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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